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PATENT**Amendment to the Specification:**

On page ¹³~~74~~ of the specification, please replace paragraph [0280] with the following new paragraph:

~~[0001]~~ In Scheme 5, the mannosamine glycoside **1**, is treated with the active ester of a protected amino acid (*e.g.*, glycine) derivative, converting the sugar amine residue into the corresponding protected amino acid amide adduct. The adduct is treated with an aldolase to form the sialic acid **2**. Compound **2** is subjected to catalytic hydrogenation of to produce compound **3**. The amine introduced via formation of the glycine adduct is utilized as a locus of PEG or PPG attachment by reacting compound **3** with an activated PEG or PPG derivative (*e.g.*, PEG-C(O)NHS, PPG-C(O)NHS), producing **4** or **5**, respectively.

Scheme 5